GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Atomic Threat to India
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether some top ranking Pakistani leaders in the recent past have threatened use of atom bomb against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes.

(b) Pakistan's Federal Minister of Defence Khwaja Muhammad Asif in a recent interview to a Pakistani television channel while responding to a question whether Pakistan would use nuclear weapons in case of a war, stated that "in defence of Pakistan, for the safety of the country, we may use nuclear weapons, if required". He has made similar statements in the past as well.

(c) Government monitors all developments which have a bearing on national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.